



DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
&
WILMINGTON EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

December 18, 2014

Nemours Health and Prevention Services
2200 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803
10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Attendance: Dawn Alexander, Melia Anderson, Heidi Beck, Peg Bradley, Janet Carter, Laura Donnelly, Aileen Fink, Denise Fuller, Cynthia Gains-Gibbs, Carmen Gallagher, Caitlin Gleason, Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, Paulina Gyan, April Hill-Addison, Abigail Janney, Alvita Kelly, Victoria Mells-Clymer, Mary Moor, Mary Kate Mouser, Terri Murphy, Mary Neal Jones, Leslie Newman, Gwendolyn Sanders, Marcie Shahan, Valerie Smirlock, Nancy Smith, Sue Taylor, Kelli Thompson, Verna Thompson & Nancy Widdoes

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

- Mary Kate Mouser presented the minutes to the committee and it was requested to change the formatting of the minutes.

2. How Trauma May Effect Children Presentation with Presenter Leslie Lieberman

- Information on Presenter Leslie Lieberman
 - Leslie Lieberman, MSW, Associate Director of Training, Director of Multiplying Connections for the Health Federal in Philadelphia.
- Seminar Objectives
 - Understand the relationships among trauma, adversity, toxic stress and brain development.
 - Key terms related to trauma informed care.
 - Scientific evidence that supports the need for a trauma informed approach with young children and their families.
 - The national and local efforts to promote trauma informed practice for young children.
 - Discuss plans for next steps.
- Power Point Presentation
 - The entire power point presentation with important links can be found on the DECC website at: <http://decc.delaware.gov/meetings/delaware-early-childhood-council/meeting-handouts-info-2/>
- Trauma informed care resources that Delaware has in place:
 - Delaware has a full system in place in early childhood that offers trauma informed care such as services and evidence based treatment for family's and young children who show symptoms of trauma.
 - Leslie Newman is working with State Government and PMHC (based in Philadelphia) to get the ACE's inventory embedded in a new Delaware Health Survey. If anyone is interested in joining forces as far as from a funding or working perspective, please contact Leslie.

- Dr. Aileen Fink stated that Delaware participates in the National Survey of Children's Health. In 2011 they added the ACE's questions to the health survey. Instead of asking adults about their child experience the survey asks caregivers about the experience with children in their home.
- Paulina Gyan stated that the Division of Public Health Early Childhood Program also has a small 3 year grant that does screening using the ACE's program.
- It was stated that Delaware has multiple trauma grants that individuals are not aware of currently. The Division of Public Health has one, the Superior Court for the State of Delaware has a trauma grant that is focused on victims of violence which is an adult grant, and Behavioral Health for adults has a grant as well which is also focused on trauma. These grants tend to focus on one generation and by having this conversation we will work together and focus on the 2nd generation.
- Mary Kate stated there are a couple of grants that are directed towards children who have had trauma from a specific disease.
- The Early Head Start program has a research grant that is looking at toxic stress.
- In the elementary, middle and high school levels in Delaware there are a couple of districts that are implementing trauma informed practice.
- Closing words from Leslie Lieberman
 - Delaware is doing what needs to be done and all the mechanisms that Delaware has in place are great.
 - Think about the synergies with other groups and agencies.
 - Creating relationships and connections.
 - Building awareness and information sharing.
 - Make sure that everyone in each organization knows about all the services offered so they can take action to provide the proper services.

4. Committee Updates

- The 2015 Delaware Early Childhood Council meeting schedule was handed out to all participants. There will be additional dates added to the 2015 schedule, which will be e-mail to everyone as well.

4. Future Meetings and Council Feedback

- Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Division of Developmental Disabilities Services – Fox Run Office
2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Suite 200
Bear, DE 19701
Time: 9:00a.m to 11:00p.m.